

REMARKS

Claims 39-44 are pending in this application. Claims 39-44 stand as withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention because they lack certain technical features that were included in the originally-filed claims.

The Applicants disagree with the Examiner's withdrawal of claims 39-44 because the technical features recited by the Examiner in paragraph 1 of the Office Communication are not considered to be essential features of the invention. However, in order to advance the prosecution of the application, and without acquiescing to the Examiner's position, the Applicants have amended the claims herein to include those technical features.

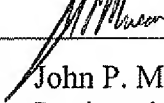
Accordingly, amended claims 39-44 directed to the elected invention are presented herein and are deemed to be allowable over the cited prior art for the reasons presented in the Applicants' response filed on 30 January 2008 and incorporated herein by reference.

Conclusion

Examination and allowance of claims 39-44 are respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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